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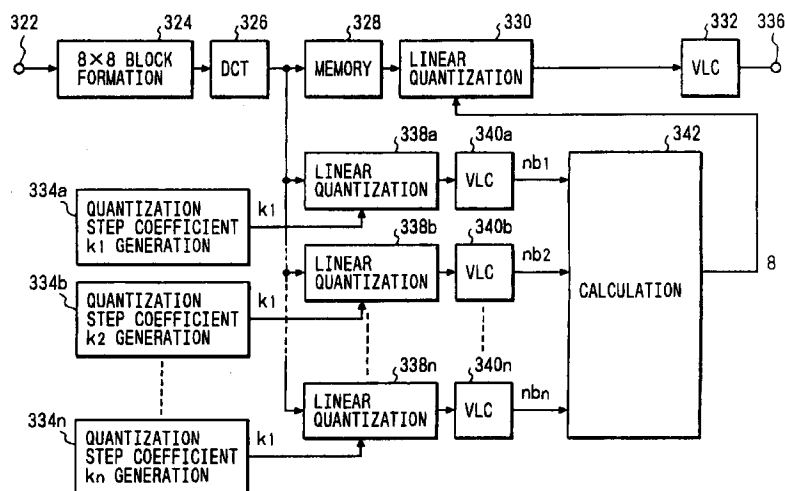
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(54) Image processing apparatus

(57) An image processing apparatus in which an input image signal is resolved into spatial frequency components and encoded using different encoding parameters. The data amount in each case is counted and used to determine an encoding parameter that is

optimum for encoding the image. The encoding using the different encoding parameters is conducted in parallel.

FIG. 16



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